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What is claimed is:

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1 A method for allowing a user to select actions to be taken by a server when uploading images from a hand-held image capture device, the method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) storing an action list on the image capture device, the action list including one or more items representing actions that the server should take with respect to uploaded images;
 - (b) displaying the action list to the user on the image capture device after the user initiates an image upload process;
 - (c) after the user selects at least one of the items in the action list, sending the images and the selected action list item from the image capture device to the server; and
 - (d) performing the action on the uploaded images specified by the selected action item.

20 2 The method of claim 1 further including the step of providing the server as part of a photo-sharing service website.

3 The method of claim 2 further including the step of providing the action list with at least one of a print item, a store item that instructs the server where to store the images, a send item that instructs the server where to send the images.

4 The method of claim 3 further including the step of providing that the store item instructs the server to store the images within the photo-sharing service website.

5 The method of claim 3 further including the step of providing that the store item instructs the server to store the images to a location external to the photo-sharing website.

6 The method of claim 3 further including the step of providing an e-mail address as the send item in the action list.

7 The method of claim 2 further including the step of allowing the user to create the action list on the image capture device.

8 The method of claim 2 further including the step of automatically downloading the action list from the server to the image capture device after the image capture device establishes a connection with the server.

9 The method of claim 8 further including the steps of creating a user account for the user the first time the image capture device establishes a connection with the server, and creating a default action list for the user.

10 The method of claim 8 further including the step of allowing the user to manually create the action list on the photo-sharing service website by navigating to the photo-sharing service website using a web browser and manually creating the action list.

11 The method of claim 8 further including the step of automatically creating the action list on the photo-sharing service website in response to the user actions performed on the photo-sharing service website through a web browser.

12 A system for allowing a user to select actions to be taken by a server when uploading images from a hand-held image capture device, the system comprising the steps of:

means for storing an action list on the image capture device, the action list including one or more items representing actions that the server should take with respect to uploaded images;

means for displaying the action list to the user on the image capture device after the user initiates an image upload process;

means for sending the images and the selected action list item from the image capture device to the server after the user selects at least one of the items in the action list; and

means for performing the action on the uploaded images specified by the selected action item.

13 The system of claim 12 wherein the server comprises part of a photo-sharing service website.

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14 The system of claim 13 wherein the action list includes at least one of a print item, a store item that instructs the server where to store the images, a send item that instructs the server where to send the images.

15 The system of claim 14 wherein the store item instructs the server to store the images within the photo-sharing service website.

16 The system of claim 14 wherein the store item instructs the server to store the images to a location external to the photo-sharing website.

17 The system of claim 14 wherein the send item in the action list comprises an e-mail address.

18 The system of claim 13 wherein the user creates the action list on the image capture device.

19 The system of claim 13 wherein the action list is automatically downloaded from the server to the image capture device after the image capture device establishes a connection with the server.

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20 The system of claim 19 wherein a user account and a default action list is created for the user the first time the image capture device establishes a connection with the server.

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